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SUBJECT: HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE SPONSORS RESTRICTIVE
RESOLUTION DEMANDING KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY

SUMMARY: MAJORITY LEADER AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE
MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED A RESTRICTIVE RESOLUTION AGAINST
NON-MILITARY FUNDS FOR KOREA UNLESS SWORN TESTIMONY IS PRO-
VIDED BY FORMER ROK AMBASSADOR. HIRC WILL HOLD HEARINGS
MAY 22 AND VOTE IS EXPECTED ON HOUSE FLOOR MAY 23, WITH
CHANCES GOOD FOR PASSAGE IN SOME FORM JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL
OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S PARTY IN SEOUL. END SUMMARY
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1. LATE MAY 17, HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE CONVENED AT
REQUEST OF SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI TO CONSIDER STEPS
TO GAIN TESTIMONY FROM FORMER ROK AMBASSADOR KIM DONG-JO.

2. RESULT WAS QUOTE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS UNQUOTE
RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT AND SEVERAL

OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE INTO HOUSE MAY 18 STATING THAT THE ROKG HAS WITHHELD COOPERATION FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE THAT EFFECTIVELY NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR NON-MILITARY PURPOSES FOR THE ROK UNTIL KIM DONG-JO IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UNDER OATH.

3. EFFORT WAS MADE ON THE FLOOR TODAY TO GET UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR THE RESOLUTION TO BE VOTED ON MAY 23. THERE WERE OBJECTIONS (DERWINSKI), HOWEVER, AND THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE HIRC.

4. AFTER LATER DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT, HE AGREED TO OFFER SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION DELETING REFERENCE TO QUOTE DIRECT AND INDIRECT UNQUOTE ASSISTANCE AND REFERRING ONLY TO PROHIBITIONS OF QUOTE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS UNQUOTE TO KOREA. OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT THE HIRC WILL HOLD HEARINGS MONDAY MORNING MAY 22 ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS. JAWORSKI IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHO WILL TESTIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

5. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET AN ACCURATE READING ON THE INTERPRETATION AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE SECOND WRIGHT RESOLUTION SHOULD IT PASS, SINCE WE ARE TOLD THAT THERE IS A STRONG CHANCE FOR PASSAGE. THE MILITARY MEASURES ARE CLEARLY EXCLUDED. WHETHER PL-480 OR OTHER MATTERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH AS EX-IM WOULD BE AFFECTED IS LARGELY UP TO CONGRESSIONAL INTENT AND FOLLOW-UP.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECOND WRIGHT VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION AS WE HAVE IT NOW. BOTH REVISIONS WOULD THUS BE BEFORE THE HIRC. FURTHER REVISION BY THE HIRC IS ALSO QUITE POSSIBLE.

7. BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 31, 1977 (H. RES. 868), EXPRESSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE ITS SENSE "THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHOULD COOPERATE FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND WITH ITS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL FACTS RELEVANT TO "THE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO H. RES. 252; AND

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS WITHHELD COOPERATION FROM THE COMMITTEE BY REFUSING TO MAKE

AVAILABLE THE TESTIMONY OF KIM DONG-JO, A FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA AND A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE AFORESAID INVESTI-
GATION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE COMMITTEE
TO ACCEPT SUCH TESTIMONY UNDER CONDITIONS CONSISTENT
WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE

PRINCIPLE OF COMITY BETWEEN ALLIES; AND

WHEREAS INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC AT HEARINGS CONDUCTED
BY THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES THAT THE INVESTIGATION
CANNOT BE COMPLETED AS TO SOME PERSONS WITHOUT THE
TESTIMONY OF KIM DONG JO, WHO HAS IN HIS POSSESSION
INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY; AND
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WHEREAS A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE
COMMITTEE TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS INDIS-
PENSABLE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PUBLIC: NOW, THEREFORE, BE
IT

RESOLVED, THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES THAT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS KIM DONG JO IS MADE AVAIL-
ABLE FOR EXAMINATION UNDER OATH, NO APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR NON-MILITARY PURPOSES
SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXCEPT
WHERE THE REFUSAL TO SO APPROVE SUCH APPROPRIATION WOULD
IMPERIL THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. AND BE
IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES THAT THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPROPRIATE
FUNDS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR NON-MILITARY PURPOSES
WOULD NOT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IMPERIL THE
NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. END TEXT

8. FLOOR VOTE IN THE HOUSE IS ANTICIPATED TUESDAY,
MAY 23, THUS PROBABLY INJECTING THIS ISSUE IN A FORCEFUL
MANNER JUST PRIOR TO DR. BRZEZINSKI'S ARRIVAL IN KOREA.

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